

usual conditions—and forfeiting the money without calling upon the sureties to complete. Mr. [redacted] said that it was essential the Minister should

ster would use the power, or to do so. Mr. Lynch replied, "The deputation next pointed out that where there was delay through unpreventable causes in the completion of contracts, the time should be extended in place of fines being imposed. Mr. Lynch replied that he did not know of any case in which time had been harshly imposed. In fact, he had remitted a penalty of £400 because he looked upon the delay as unavoidable. The deputation also referred to the need for a new system of arbitration; and upon Mr. Lester explaining the proposals of the Government in regard to this matter, the deputation expressed itself as satisfied.

number of residents of the district, accompanied by Messrs. Bruce Smith and Houghton, Mr. Laidlaw, and the Minister for Works yesterday visited the site. The Minister stated that the Government would hasten the work of carrying the storm-water sewer as far as Johnson's creek. The deputation also pointed out that the site of a recreation works a good recreation ground had been formed in the locality.

Mr. Laidlaw said he would see that the latter was attended to. With regard to the drainage scheme, it would be necessary for him to consult the Engineer, and see if the matter need be referred to the Public Works Committee.

reclamation, representing the boroughs of Balmuccia, Leith and Port Glasgow, Mr. James G. D. Clark, and Mr. J. A. Murphy, M.L.A., were present. Mr. Clark, in reply, said that the Minister for Works yesterday, when he was asked to sign a requisition that he would authorise the reclamation of the site of the old Glasgow Harbour at White Crook, Rosella Bay.

Mr. LYNG, in reply, said the matter had been kept under notice on several occasions, adding that the delay had been caused solely by difficulties with regard to the frontages to the bay. The Harbour Commissioners were doing good work in maintaining the health of the community, and giving it the benefit of the best of the science of the day.

Mr. SUTTON, in reply, said the whole matter had been already taken action in the matter as soon as he received the papers no delay was observed in having the work commenced.

meeting of the financial committee of the Council was held yesterday afternoon. Present: Mayor (Alderman W. P. Manning) and Aldermen Chapman, Lewis, Baunford, M. Harris, Kippax, Bennett, Rogers, Saunders, Hart, Moore, H. Chase, Dean, Kippax, Backle, Taylor, and Palmer. The Mayor, in his statement, showed the financial

ended the 10th February was laid upon the following Current accounts: City fund, dr., £612; street improvement fund, dr., £98,238; saler yards, cr., £1124; Town Hall loan fund, cr., £497; streets loan fund (current), cr., £16,015; bank balances, dr., £6—cr., £19,067. Special accounts: Cat-sal-yards fund, cr., £17,500; Town Hall loan fund, cr., £19,068; Town Hall sinking fund, cr., £26,000; City fund, cr., £1,000; city fund (reserve account), cr., £75,000; sinking funds, cat-sal-yards, cr., £100; Town Hall sinking fund, cr., £26,000; Town Hall sinking fund, cr., £26,000; Town Hall sinking fund, cr., £26,000.

streets loan, or, balance at Union Bank, \$213,000; sinking street loan (invested), or, \$17,500; King Town Hall loan—Colonial Treasury account, or, \$17,082; sinking street loan fund—Colonial Treasury account, or, \$3791.

Admiral Hozlins drew attention to two matters affecting a system which obtained in relation to pension accounts, and the other to employees' corporation. He said that he had had placed before him for initial a number of abstracts of accounts involving considerable sums of money. He had no actual knowledge of the accounts, and therefore he felt reluctant to initial them. In the new pension system, less satisfaction to needs

He stated that a number of those men were residents of Newtown and other suburbs, and householders in the city were unable to find a job. He should prefer that preference should be given to men who contributed to the taxes. As the accounts were concerned, he declined to give his initials to sheets of paper about the matter which he knew nothing.

The Mayor explained that it being impracticable to do a close scrutiny of the accounts submitted at those meetings, there had been a system of rotation whereby all the accounts were open to inspection for some hours prior to the submission of those accounts. The first lot

they desired to make inquiries concerning the accounts the examiner of accounts was reluctant to give any information which might be of assistance. In regard to the employment of people in the city he knew nothing. Since he to be he had not met many men on corporate affairs. He should not be inclined to draw out and fast line making it an absolute condition that all employees should be citizens. It might be that some of the employees resided on a boundary line, half the cost of maintaining, which was borne half by each in which the man resided, and half by the city. He did not think that the

After some discussion had taken place in relation to the passing of accounts, the Chairman said that the whole of the significant part of the accounts amounted to a small number of accounts had been before the committee. The initialing of these accounts was not a certificate of correctness of the accounts, because the officers had checked all the accounts in detail. Aldermen were not responsible for the extensions and additions of the accounts. No one would imagine such a thing. The perusal of the accounts was then proceeded with. Arising out of the investigation was a suggestion that the accounts should be made more

Alderman M. CHAPMAN urged that something should be done with a view to seeing whether it was possible to reduce the enormous amount of way bills by the Corporation.

At a later stage, Alderman TAYLOR drew attention to a matter affecting licensed porters. In his opinion, porters remained but very little service to the public, and therefore they should be done away with altogether, and then they would be able to save a great deal of money. The Corporation would be able to pay the inspectors and assistant inspectors.

THE MAYOR said that the matter of the rate

level at. That would suggest that there was a question of opinion upon the matter. If, however, the matter were left in his hands, he would not, it was proved that they were not required, have exhibited hesitation in at once dispensing with them.

In the motion of Aldermen M. CHAFFIN, seconded by Alderman LARSEN, it was resolved,—"That the matter of the Inspector and Assistant Inspector be referred to the Mayor, and that he be requested to take such steps as he may consider necessary."

At a later period an informal discussion arose out of a question of treating the word-booked roads with

The consideration of the proposal to resume certain property with a view to widening Balfour-street, was postponed until the next committee meeting.

It was resolved to obtain the opinion of the engineer as to who should bear the cost of cleaning the gully shafts connected with the sewers.

In reference to a letter from the Horticultural Society, it was resolved that a reply be sent that the City of charges for the use of the Centennial Hall at be adhered to.

The city surveyor reported with respect to the proposal to construct a subway under pavement for the drainage and P.W. streets, for gas and water.

opinion the cost of construction in rock would be out £30 to £50, and in soil about £14 to 10d a cubic yard.

Alfred Dixon pointed out that if that work were tried out it would save a considerable amount since that was now incurred in connection with breaking up of roads and footpaths.

Some reports from the city surveyor and Mr. Norman Selfe were read respecting the condition of old building at the fish markets and some proposed improvements.

Mr. MARON said in his opinion it was desirable they should enlarge the new market building extending it to Regent-street.

new market was insufficient for the business place. His idea was that the new market building should be extended to Forbes-street, and that connection with the extension proper arrangements should be made for the chilling and refrigerating of fish and beef. It was utterly unworthy of the council that any attempt should be made to patch up the old building.

After some discussion had taken place, the Mayor said he would request the aldermen to let the fish markets on a certain day, with a view to seeing what ought to be done in the matter.

Alderman H. CHAPMAN gave notice of his intention to move for a resolution that the fish

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down, and the city architect be instructed
plans for the extension of the new markets
years, and the erection of proper cooling chambers
estimate the cost of same. 2. That the Mayor
powered to employ the necessary professional ass
to prepare specification and plans for the erecti
a suitable refrigerating plant." The Mayor, in answer to Alderman Lees, said th
question of obtaining from the Government, o
half of the citizens, the old Central Police Co
had been considered by the markets committe
in whom a report would be submitted to a futu

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Funerals.
THE FUNERAL of the late Miss HYNES will be held at 10 o'clock on Friday, the 12th inst., at the residence of her mother, Mrs. HYNES, 10, St. George's street, North Sydney. The friends of the late Miss HYNES are respectfully invited to attend the funeral. The funeral will leave for the cemetery at 11 o'clock.

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Government Notices.
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Tenders are invited to submit proposals for the construction of a new bridge over the Sydney Harbour, to be known as the "Sydney Harbour Bridge". The bridge is to be a suspension bridge, and is to be built of steel. The bridge is to be built on the site of the old bridge, and is to be built in two stages. The first stage is to be built from the old bridge to the new bridge, and the second stage is to be built from the new bridge to the old bridge. The bridge is to be built in two stages, and is to be built in two stages.

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